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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Satoshi MATSUMOTO et al. : Attn: BOX PCT  
Serial No. NEW : Docket No. 2001\_0600A  
Filed May 23, 2001 :

PLATE HEAT EXCHANGER AND METHOD  
OF MAKING SAME  
[Corresponding to PCT/JP99/06413  
Filed November 17, 1999]

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified new PCT  
application, kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice or disclaimer  
thereof, and kindly substitute therefor the following new claims:

14.(NEW) A plate heat exchanger comprising a pair of end  
plates, a plurality of first passageway plates each having a first  
passageway defined therein, a plurality of second passageway plates  
each having a second passageway defined therein, and a plurality of  
partition plates,

Attachment "E"

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